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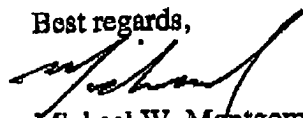
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Dear Examiner,

The following Amendment responds to an Office Action dated March 3, 2004.

I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Michael W. Montgomery

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